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Ex parte prosecution for S.N. 09/876,102 is suspended for a period of 6 months from the mailing date of this letter, awaiting the completion of a Board decision in the parent case S.N. 08/ 886,388. The issues on appeal are substantially identical to those raised by the claims pending here, and no final decision on patentability can be made by the undersigned examiner without the guidance of the Board decision.

Upon expiration of the period of suspension, Applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to S. Crane, whose telephone number is (703) 308-4894.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist, whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.


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